

Fingertip Facts On Spending

- Increasing funding generally does not improve student performance. (*Assessing Performance*)
- Per pupil spending has tripled in Texas since 1970, even after accounting for inflation and enrollment growth. (*Effective, Efficient, Fair*)
- Texas is 15th in the nation for per pupil spending in cost-adjusted dollars. (*Follow The Money*)
- School district spending offers no basis for claims that additional funding is required. (*The High Costs of Texas Public Education*)
- Districts should spend less on administration and more on instruction. (*Effective, Efficient, Fair*)
- Decreasing class size generally does not improve student performance. (*Assessing Performance*)
- Across-the-board pay increases for teachers do not improve student performance. (*Effective, Efficient, Fair*)
- Teachers with advanced degrees do not improve student performance more than teachers with four-year degrees. (*Assessing Performance*)
- School district consolidation will not reduce state costs. (*Effective, Efficient, Fair*)
- Growth of large districts should be discouraged because they incur substantially higher administrative costs than smaller districts. (*Effective, Efficient, Fair*)
- Student performance improves as the percentage of total funding from the local level increases. (*Effective, Efficient, Fair*)
- School districts owe nearly \$48 billion in principal and interest on bond issues. (*Building For The Future*)